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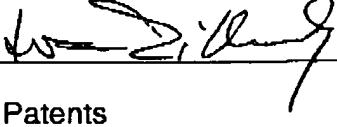
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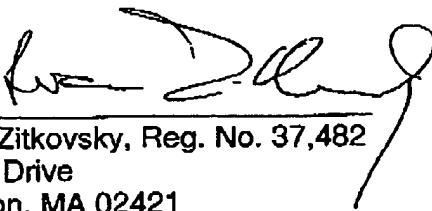
## STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant respectfully asks the Commissioner regarding the status of the above-captioned patent application filed on December 11, 2001. The application has been pending for four years without a first office action.

On June 19, 2003, pursuant to an earlier Status Inquiry, the Commissioner stated that the first office action is expected to issue in more than 15 months, that is, after November 19, 2004. (copy of PTO correspondence is enclosed)

No PTO correspondence on the merits has been received to this date. Applicant believes that no fee is required, but the Commissioner is authorized to apply any credits or charges to Deposit Account No. 50-2196.

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We currently project that it will be more than 15 months before this application will receive a first office action. This is because the application is classified in a technology that has experienced a large filling rate growth over the last few years. The Office is addressing the growth by adjusting examination resources accordingly. You may wish to consult the MPEP (708.02) to see if filing a petition to make special is appropriate.

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